GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS COLLECTED FOR CALAMITY RELIEF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various N.G.Os and the State Governments have collected funds and relief materials in order to combat of national calamities;

(b) if so, the name of the State Governments and N.G.Os which collected and contributed funds for Gujarat earthquake;

(c) whether the Government has received any reports that several institutions or the State Governments have not contributed the amount collected in the name of Gujarat earthquake;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to check the misuse of the funds collected for national calamity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a): The NGOs and the State Governments do collect funds and relief material in the event of calamities.

(b): The State Governments and NGOs are not required to intimate the Ministry of Home Affairs about the funds or material collected by them and the utilization thereof;

(c)& (d): Ministry of Finance had earlier forwarded the request of an NGO, which had collected funds for Gujarat earthquake, for extension of time for utilization of funds. This Ministry had advised the Government of Gujarat and the Ministry of Finance that extension of the time limit should not be permitted and if an organization fails to utilize the funds, then the funds should be surrendered to the concerned State Government who may in turn spend these funds for the same purpose.

(e) & (f): The organizations which collect fund for calamities are required to file their accounts and or returns to the appropriate authorities where these are registered. However, the Government of India is considering the feasibility of enacting a legislation or formulating guidelines in this regard.